

INTERVIEW PURPOSES ONLY**PATENT APPLICATION**

**RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR §1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
TECHNOLOGY CENTER ART UNIT 1762**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Alain BETHUNE

Group Art Unit: 1762

Application No.: 09/330,134

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Docket No.: 103602

For: A METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR APPLYING A COATING SUCH AS A
PAINT OR A VARNISH

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION UNDER 37 CFR §1.116

Director of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In reply to the Office Action mailed November 2, 2001, the period for reply extended by a one month Petition for Extension of Time to March 2, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please replace claims 1, 10, 12, 32, 34 and 40-42 as follows:

1. (Twice Amended) A method of applying a coating on a hollow article comprising a bottom and a side wall, the bottom having an inner surface, the method comprising:

depositing a predetermined quantity of coating on said inner surface of said bottom, without said coating contacting said sidewall; and

spreading the coating by causing the article to revolve.

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